

Livingston County

HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



HSCB WORKGROUPS

MESSAGE

from the chair

I am overwhelmed with the absolute strength and character of our community. We endured many challenges this year – we requested citizens to stay home, physically disconnected from families, neighbors, friends, their community, and businesses. The threat of economic distress, lives and jobs lost, and businesses shuttered has been incomparable. Throughout this, the Human Services Collaborative members and Livingston County agencies, businesses and individuals have stepped up, without hesitation, to aid, share information and resources. Our team and community remain a trusted resource and valued partner in navigating the contours of our collective social and economic future.

Our path is uncertain, but our fellow travelers are known. Our community and its members remain steadfast in our commitment to each other. In this unmatched reality, we are working together to reshape the social and economic order—as we collectively journey to the “next normal.” We will get through this together; and for this and all the wonderful individuals, agencies, and businesses in our community that ensure a system of support for members of our community; I am grateful.

Stay strong; stay safe.

-Anita Gibson

HSCB MISSION

Ensuring a system of support for members of our community

HSCB VALUES

- We believe the needs of children, adults, and families drive our planning and services.
- We believe that collaboration means shared stewardship of community resources for the common good of Livingston County.
- We believe that collaboration requires broad community representation.
- We believe the HSCB is responsible for developing continuums of service from prevention to treatment.
- We believe the HSCB should ensure that community members needing services from multiple agencies receive services as efficiently and effectively as possible by creating systems of care.
- We believe that the HSCB should provide a caring community for Livingston County residents by supporting each other's work.

tackling HUNGER

The Livingston County Hunger Council ensures no one goes hungry in our community through a Food Response System.

COVID Response

The Hunger Council mobilized resources within 2 days of the school shutdown and was distributing supplemental lunches for families with school-aged children within 4 days. The Council also recognized the increased need for home delivered food in our county and worked to support agencies in making sure any older adult or homebound individual within our community had the food they needed available at their doorstep. Resource documents are updated frequently and available on the website. In 2020:

- **3, 611** meals provided during Summer Lunch Bunch at **11** locations which support children and families during the summer.
- A total of **2,950** seniors were served weekend meals k y Meals on Wheels.
- **26** Food distribution sites, available throughout the county, have distributed **2.26 million** Gleaners' meals.
- **955** pounds of fresh produce were grown in a local community garden and **8** fresh produce carts were spread across Livingston County.
- Mission Nutrition Livingston expanded scope of work immediately as schools were closed in March – **over 5,000 families received 310,024 meals!**
- Updated the Hunger Council website to reflect current resources

COVID-19 IMPACT REPORT

WE NOURISH OUR COMMUNITY BY CHAMPIONING FOOD ACCESS AND EDUCATION

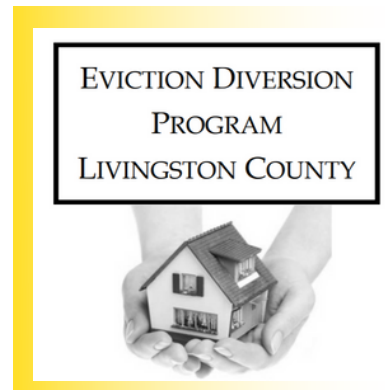
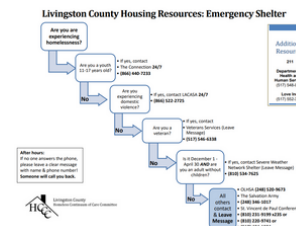


The Livingston Hunger Council is a collaborative body made up of a cross-section of the community dedicated to ending hunger in Livingston County – government agencies, non-profits, local businesses and private citizens who have committed to making our community a place where everyone has access to the nutritious food they need, when they need it.

COVID -19 Impact: March-May 2019 vs 2020



Housing Resources



Stabilizing Housing

The Homeless Continuum of Care Committee, along with the Housing Stability Task Force sub-committee, has a coordinated response for housing needs. This year in Livingston County:

- **\$256,141** was used to stabilize existing homes for **362** households through Rent Assistance.
- **\$154,022** was used to keep the heat and the lights on in **407** households.
- **\$182,135** was used to provide temporary shelter for **818** households.
- **154** households applied for eviction diversion assistance (August - December).
- **\$180,000** has been spent on eviction diversion to-date; a total of **\$261,000** will be spent by the end of the program.
- Updated the Housing Fact Sheet and created an Emergency Shelter Handout.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The Mental Health Awareness Workgroup **created two tool kits** to help support the mental health in our community during the onset of COVID-19:

- Coping with the Stress of COVID19
- Staying Well During COVID-19

The Foster care, Adoption and Kinship care Services Workgroup (FAKS) helped to recruit **23 newly licensed homes for foster care**. They have also supported existing families with appreciation gift baskets delivered to each family and provided foster parents with multiple online training opportunities locally and regionally.

Wraparound services, provided by the Funding Partners Workgroup, were provided to **71 Families** and **71% of the children involved improved their CAFAS scores** by a statistically significant amount.

ADDRESSING TRAUMA

The Trauma-Informed Workgroup helped providers and families implement care with Trauma in mind.

- 5 trauma assessments and consultations were completed.
- 24 people were trained in Trauma
- The team has representatives from CMH, LESA, LACASA and Parent Representatives
- Hired a new Trauma Advocate

Supporting Transportation Service

The Transportation Coalition continues to work on the Master Plan. Despite COVID shutdowns, a total of 113,636 riders rode 732,962 miles!

LETS: during the Stay Home Order period, they provided transportation for critical needs such as dialysis and other medical appointments. They also partnered with Meals on Wheels, Bountiful Harvest, and Salvation Army from April through August. They continue to deliver for Meals on Wheels.



Creating an Informed Community through Education

- **69 professionals from 32 Agencies were trained through the 2020 Funding Partners Core Competency Training Series.**
- **The Substance Use Disorders Workgroup reached 181 people at 20 community prevention activities and co-hosted trainings with the Homeless Continuum of Care (Substance Use Disorder & Homelessness) and Funding Partners (Update on Michigan Marijuana Laws).**
- **Abilities Alliance's Survey infographic completed and shared in press release to educate the community!**

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Health and Human Service Needs FACT SHEET

Recovery in Livingston County June 2020

What is Recovery?
According to SAMHSA Recovery Housing Best Practices and Suggested Guidelines (2018), the **transition from active addiction into lasting recovery** is often a difficult and an emotionally trying journey for many people with a substance-use disorder. National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA 2018) indicated that the relapse rates for substance-use disorders is approximately 40-60%, and that relapses could signify the necessity to reexamine a person's course of treatment, as relapses can be very dangerous and, in many instances, deadly. The first 12 months of this transitional period prior to the onset of sustained full remission, sometimes referred to as early recovery, is a crucial period during which people contend



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Financial Stability June 2020

The Need for a Solid Community "Safety Net" in Livingston County

1,678 or 21.4%	Children ages 0 - 17 in Livingston County live in single-parent households who are below the poverty level (Kids Count, 2018).
\$36.41	Hourly "living wage" required for a family with two pre-school children. (2019, ALICE)
61%	Michigan jobs that pay less than \$20 per hour (2019, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
15,260	"Food Insecure" individuals (2018, Feeding America)
5,672	Students (K-12) eligible for free/reduced school lunches (2018-2019, Kids Count Data)
1,132	2-1-1 calls/web searches (2017) Top requests: 1) Electric service assistance 2) Homeless motel vouchers 3) Housing search assistance, 4) Rent payment assistance, 5) Food pantries
4.8%	Percentage of individuals living below Federal Poverty Level (2018, Census est.)
8,236	Medicaid-eligible families (2019, MDHHS)

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Housing in Livingston County
October 2020

The State of Housing in Livingston County

Single family homes make up the vast majority of County housing units, however only 50% of households are headed with children. In 2019, 30% of households in Livingston County were headed by a single parent.

By 2026, Livingston County expects a 15% increase in population aged 18-24. A 4% increase in the 25-34 age group and a 20% increase in the 35-44 age group. Many of these individuals are "young professionals" earning more than 50% of household income for housing.

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Opioids in Livingston County
August 2020

What are opioids?

Opioids are a class of drugs used for reducing pain. Opioids can be broken down into three groups:

- Prescription opioids** (such as Oxycodone or Vicodin)
- Heroin** (an illegal and highly addictive substance)
- Synthetic opioids** (such as fentanyl manufactured fentanyl, which is 50-100 times more powerful than morphine)

This image on the right shows a comparison between a lethal amount of heroin vs. a lethal amount of fentanyl. Aside from heroin, fentanyl can be found in cocaine or counterfeit pills without the user's knowledge.

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Electronic Cigarettes
June 2020

All that's changed is the packaging.

Vaping is Nicotine!

What are "Electronic Cigarettes"? Electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, are battery-powered smoking devices often designed to look and feel like regular cigarettes. They use cartridges filled with a liquid that contains nicotine, flavorings, and other chemicals. A heating device in the cigarette converts the liquid into a vapor, which the person inhales. Smoking an e-cigarette can also be referred to as "vaping". E-cigarettes are NOT a safe alternative to using tobacco products. E-cigarettes do not contain tobacco but they may contain nicotine which is a highly addictive substance. According to the American Lung Association, in 2019, nearly 90% of adults, over the age of 65, report that they want to stay in their home as long as possible and 80% believe their current residence is where they will always live.

In 2020, fentanyl is becoming a federal law. You must now be 21 years old to purchase traditional and/or electronic cigarettes. The law also banned the sale of multiple use flavored e-liquid pods.

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Child Maltreatment in Livingston County
September 2020

What is "Child Maltreatment"?

Child maltreatment is a range of abuse and neglect of a child under the age of 18 by a parent, caregiver, or another person in a custodial role (e.g., babysitter, teacher). (Source: from Bureau of Census 2003)

Physical abuse is the intentional use of physical force, such as hitting, shaking, slapping, burning, or other acts of force against a child.

Sexual abuse is any sexual contact or behavior with a child that is inappropriate for the child's age and/or involves coercion, force, or threat of force.

Emotional abuse is behavior that harms a child's self-worth or emotional well-being, including humiliating, shaming, rejecting, withholding love, and threatening.

Neglect is the failure to meet a child's basic needs, including housing, food, clothing, education, and access to medical care. Neglect does not include neglect.

2020

SUCCESS STORIES SHARED

FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY

Time for Reflection

2020 HSCB Survey Results

As we move through the initial pandemic response and work to reopen after COVID-19, we need to take a moment to reflect on the path we took. We had to adjust, adapt and persevere. Now, we need to celebrate our hard work and collaboration as a community, and as agencies and individuals.

It took all of us working collaboratively to successfully manage this journey. We must remember to thank and appreciate those who helped along the way.

We also must reflect on the lessons learned and the gaps or needs which were highlighted by this pandemic.

Here is a collaborative collection of shared successes and lessons learned from community agencies and members of the Human Services Collaborative Body (HSCB). We need to appreciate all of the work and dedication of each organization and individual who supported all of those in need in our community during the onset of the pandemic. We still have a long way to go, but now is a time to reflect and share our successes of the past seven months.

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Older Adults Aging in Place in Livingston County March 2020

What is "Aging in Place"?

The Center for Disease Control defines **aging in place** as "the ability to live in one's own home in community safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level." According to *Aging in Place: A State Survey of Livability Policies and Practices* through IIRP, nearly 90% of adults, over the age of 65, report that they want to stay in their home as long as possible and 80% believe their current residence is where they will always live.

According to the National Council on Aging at www.ncoa.org:
80% of our older adults will have at least one chronic disease; 77% will have at least two. Every 11 seconds an older adult is treated in an emergency room for a fall. Every 19 minutes an older adult dies from a fall. 1 in 4 older adults has a mental health disorder, which can include depression, anxiety and dementia. The number of older adults expected to be dealing with a substance use problem will reach 5 million in 2020.

THE FACTS!

The Community Needs Assessment Workgroup **updated and distributed eight fact sheets** and added **one new one on recovery!**

The workgroup also created a publication highlighting health and human service agencies' successes from the onset of the pandemic.

It is truly a love letter to the community from our service providers!

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Runaway and Homeless Youth in Livingston County June 2020

What are "Runaway and Homeless Youth"?

The U.S. Department of Education defines homeless youth as youth who "lack a fixed, regular, and nighttime residence" or an "individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:

- a supervised or publically operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations;
- an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill;
- a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

This definition includes both youth who are unaccompanied by families and those who are homeless with their families.

Community Events

- 574 Participants at Community Connect**
- 800+ Participants at the Backpack and Connect for Kids Event**
- 53 People attended the Race for Recovery Walk**
- 64 shirts sold, \$938.84 raised, 4,048 people engaged on Facebook throughout the month of as part of Homeless Awareness Month (November)**

GREAT START LIVINGSTON

By working together with local child service agencies, Great Start Livingston has raised kindergarten readiness from 64% in 2013 to 79.97% in 2017. In 2020, their work with parents continued to change the conversation from kindergarten readiness to overall preparedness for life which includes developing social/emotional, literacy, cognitive, physical and learning skills. Resources were shared with parents through in-person and virtual parent workshops, play groups, parent cafés and meetings; social media outlets; and an updated [Great Start Livingston website](#).

Hoarding Task Force

The Hoarding Task Force has recently created a referral form, release of information form and a safety checklist. These documents can be found on the website and be used by anyone to refer a case to the Task Force for follow up.

BACKPACK & CONNECT FOR KIDS 2020



LIVINGSTON LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON AGING

Despite a difficult year due to COVID and concerns over the high risk to the senior population, the LLCOA continued to meet and work on behalf of the seniors.

Highlights from this year include:

- Presented to LC Board of Commissioners on December 9 2019 to share the results of a Senior Needs Assessment
- Updated the Senior Fact Sheet
- Supported the Census efforts within the Senior Community
- Members participated in Slotkin Senior Services Roundtable, Senior Community Conversations with MDHHS and Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging and hosted Ann Bolin at an LLCOA meeting to discuss and advocate for seniors
- Supported partners through COVID and shared Seniors resources
- Participated in Here We Grow with Michael Foguth podcast
- Completed brainstorming/planning for the next two year; plans include a senior resource guide, create equity within our local Senior Centers, and Advocate and Obtain adequate funding for our aging population
- Renewed LLCOA members (Dianne McCormick, Marie Verheyen, and Cathy Wormsbacher) and added 5 new members (Kristen Metcalf, Kim Konarski, Renee Baumgart, Lacey Hinton, and Julie Eddings)!

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The Arc Livingston

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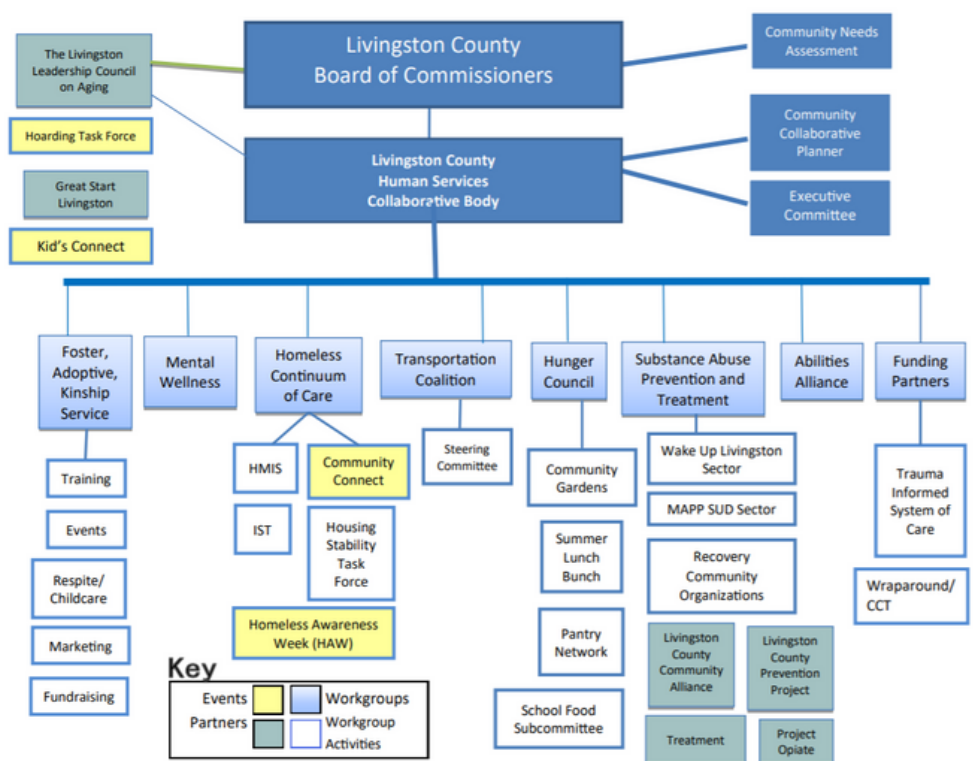
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Thank you!